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SUBJECT: ECLA: 17TH SESSION: EXECUTIVE SECRETARY IGLESIAS'
HOPES FOR U.S. ROLE

1. SUMMARY: DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED COMMERCIAL CABLE FROM IGLESIAS VIA ECLA WASHINGTON OFFICE OUTLINING THE CONTRIBUTION HE HOPES THE U.S. DELEGATION WILL MAKE TO THE SESSION AND SPECIFIC AREAS IN WHICH HE HOPES U.S. WILL BE PREPARED TO MAKE GENERAL POLICY PRONOUNCEMENTS. REQUEST EMBASSY DISCUSS WITH IGLESIAS HIS CABLE AND DEPARTMENT'S REACTION AS OUTLINED HERE. END SUMMARY.

2. IGLESIAS CABLE SUGGESTS THAT U.S. DELEGATION CONCENTRATE ON THE DOCUMENT PREPARED BY THE COMMITTEE OF HIGH-LEVEL GOVERNMENT EXPERTS (CEGAN) AS THE EXPRESSION OF THE LATIN AMERICAN POLICY POSITION. NOTING THE SOCIEC DIA-
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PROGRESS OF THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT AND THE PARIS CIEC DIALOGUE, CABLE STATES THAT A GENERAL PRONOUNCEMENT, ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO COMMODITIES AND FINANCIAL COOPERATION, COULD BE EXPECTED. IT SEEKS A POSITIVE ATTITUDE FROM THE U.S. ON PROBLEMS OF SPECIAL CONCERN TO THE REGION, PARTICULARLY ON TRADE, FINANCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INVESTMENT.

3. CABLE SEEKS ANNOUNCEMENTS AT PLENARY RE NEW U.S.

POSITIONS ON PROBLEMS RAISED BY THE 1974 TRADE ACT, PARTICULARLY COMPETITIVE NEED CLAUSE, RULES OF ORIGIN, AND EXCLUSION OF SOME LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. ALSO SEEKS MORE LIBERAL USE OF PRESIDENTIAL DISCRETION UNDER THE ACT. FURTHER SEEKS U.S. POSITION IN SUPPORT OF CREATION OF A SPECIAL IMF FACILITY FOR BOP PROBLEMS SUPPORTED BY OPEC AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND U.S. SUPPORT FOR INCREASED RESOURCES FOR THE IDB AND IBRD AND FOR CONTINUED IBRD LENDING TO LATIN AMERICA.

4. PLEASE DISCUSS WITH IGLESIAS DEPARTMENT'S CONCERN THAT HE IS ANTICIPATING COMPREHENSIVE PACKAGE OF U.S. POLICY ANNOUNCEMENTS ON REGIONAL ECONOMIC ISSUES DURING 17TH SESSION. COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF ISSUES OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO THE NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE, INCLUDING THOSE DISCUSSED IN CABLE, IS UNDERWAY WITHIN USG. THIS REVIEW HAS BEEN GEARED TO CONSIDERABLE DEGREE TO THE SCHEDULE AGREED TO FOR THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT AND THE CIEC MINISTERIAL. BOTH OF THESE MEETINGS OCCUR AFTER THE ECLA SESSION. CONSEQUENTLY, WE ARE NOT EXPECTING TO MAKE MAJOR NEW POLICY PRONOUNCEMENTS AT ECLA SESSION. AS IGLESIAS IS AWARE, ADMINISTRATION HAS SHOWN ITS INTEREST IN LATIN AMERICAN RELATIONS BY EARLY ATTENTION TO CUBA AND PANAMA CANAL ISSUES AND BY PRESIDENT'S APRIL 14 SPEECH AT OAS.

5. U.S. DELEGATION LOOKS FORWARD TO THE 17TH SESSION AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONSTRUCTIVE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ISSUES OF CONCERN TO THE LATIN/CARIBBEAN MEMBERS, PARTICULARLY AS THEY INVOLVE RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES AND THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN GENERAL. WE HOPE THE SESSION WILL PRODUCE A CLEARER UNDERSTANDING BY ALL MEMBERS OF THE VIEWS AND INTERESTS OF ALL PARTIES IN WORKING TOWARD MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION TO PROBLEMS CONFRONTING THE HEMISPHERE. IN ADDITION, WE HOPE THAT THE NATURE OF THE U.S. DELEGATION AND THE PREPARATIONS THAT HAVE GONE INTO THE U.S. PARTICIPATION WILL BE TAKEN AS AN EXPRESSION OF U.S. CONFIDENCE IN ECLA AS AN ORGANIZATION AND AS A SIGNAL OF THE IMPORTANCE THE NEW ADMINISTRATION ATTACHES TO ITS RELATIONS WITH THE MEMBER NATIONS.

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